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3. The Sport and Technical Union was formed as a Communist-front organization for the purpose of para-military pre-induction training for Bulgarian youth. The Union has branches and offices in every large city and town, administered by civilian personnel.
4. Until 1946, anyone who so desired could join the Union. Since then, however, only members of the BSM (Dimitrov Union of Peoples' Youth) were eligible for membership and training.
5. Once each year the Union sets up various six month training courses for those interested in such activities as glider flying, motor cycling, parachuting, swimming, horse-back riding, marksmanship and arms familiarization. Civilian specialists are used as instructors during this training. Graduates are given certificates indicating completion and degree of skill at the end of each course. [redacted] those who had successfully completed the glider pilot or parachutist training courses were usually assigned to the same branches upon induction in the army.
6. The National Union for Aerial Sport is a branch of the Sport and Technical Union, solely responsible for the organization and activation of glider-pilot and parachutist training courses. [redacted] this branch also had offices in every large city and town throughout Bulgaria.

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6. Upon completion of the training course, the students were required to make the jumps from moving aircraft from heights of 300, 500, 750, 1,000 and 1,250 meters. After a medical examination, those students allowed to make the jumps were taken to the Dolna Mitropoliya airfield where the jumps were made with automatic R220 (sic) type parachutes from a Junkers 52 type plane.

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7. Graduates received a Parachutist Identity Card (Karta Na Parashutist) and a Jump Book (Parashutna Knizhka) issued by the National Union for Aerial Sport.
8. The parachute training instructors included Tushka Koskovska, a Russian civilian specialist who lectured on instructions and theory; Lyuben Stranchev, a civilian who taught practical jump exercises; and a Colonel Malaykov, an army officer stationed at Dolna Mitropoziya who supervised the jumps made from moving aircraft.
9. Similar parachute training courses are held at Sofia, Stara Zagora and Telish.

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